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SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF U..-JAPAN JOINT REPROCESSING STUDY, PRESS  
RELEASE.

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT ISSUED AT JOINT PRESS  
CONFERENCE HELD JULY 11 TO REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF JOINT  
US-JAPAN REPROCESSING STUDY TEAM.

2. BEGIN TEXT:  
DURING THE PERIOD OF JUNE 27 TO JULY 11, 1977, AND AS  
AGREED BY THEIR RESPECTIVE GOVERNMENTS, A JOINT TEAM OF  
U.S. AND JAPANESE EXPERTS MET AT TOKYO AND TOKAI, JAPAN,  
TO EXAMINE SCHEDULED AND ALTERNATIVE MODES FOR OPERATING  
THE TOKAI REPROCESSING FACILITY BASED ON THE AGREEMENTS OF  
THE CONSULTATION HELD IN JUNE, 1977. THE BASIC TASK OF THE  
JOINT GROP WAS TO DEVELOP FACTUAL DATA CONCERNING THE  
SCHEDULED AND ALTERNATIVE MODES OF OPERATION FOR THE  
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TOKAI REPROCESSING FACILITY TO ASSURE THAT THE  
JAPANESE NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM CAN BE  
MET IN A MANNER THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH MUTUALLY  
SHARED COMMON NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES, AND TO  
REPORT THE FINDINGS TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS.

THE TEAM PAID PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE DEGREE OF

PROLIFERATION RESISTANCE AFFORDED BY THE CURRENTLY PLANNED AS WELL AS ALTERNATIVE MODES FOR OPERATING THE TOKAI FACILITY, TO TECHNOLOGICAL, FINANCIAL, TIMING AND RELATED CONSIDERATIONS, AND TO JAPANESE NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

THE TEAM EXPLICITLY AVOIDED ADDRESSING THE POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS OF DIFFERENT APPROACH AND DID NOT ATTEMPT TO DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF DEFERRING OR PROCEEDING WITH REPROCESSING IN THE CONTEXT OF THE LIGHT WATER REACTOR PROGRAMS.

DURING THE MEETINGS THE TEAM WAS AFFORDED EXTENSIVE ACCESS NOT ONLY TO THE TOKAI REPROCESSING FACILITY, BUT ALSO TO ASSOCIATED FACILITIES AT TOKAI.

THE TEAM SYSTEMATICALLY REVIEWED A RANGE OF OPTIONS EMPHASISING THEIR POTENTIAL NON-PROLIFERATION IMPLICATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS, THEIR TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY, THE ADDITIONAL R & D, THE PLANT MODIFICATIONS AND INCREMENTAL COST, THE SCHEDULE IMPLICATIONS, THE ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND REGULATORY IMPLICATIONS, THE EFFECTS ON PERSONNEL, AND THEIR POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR FUTURE JAPANESE FUEL CYCLE ASPECTS INCLUDING ADAPTABILITY OF THE PLANT PRODUCT FOR USE IN JAPANESE FBR, ATR AND LWR PROGRAMS AND THE OVERALL UNCLASSIFIED

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JAPANESE NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAM.

THE JOINT REPORT OF THE FINDINGS WILL BE QUICKLY SUBMITTED TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS, AND BE EXAMINED BY POLITICALLY RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITIES WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SOLUTION ON THE OPERATION OF TOKAI FACILITY IN THE CONTEXT OF COMMON NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES AND JAPANESE NUCLEAR ENERGY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

THE TEAM STRONGLY BELIEVES THAT THE REPORT MAKES AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION IN THE CONTINUING NEGOTIATION BETWEEN JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES. END TEXT.

3. REPORTING CABLE BEING SENT SPTEL.  
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